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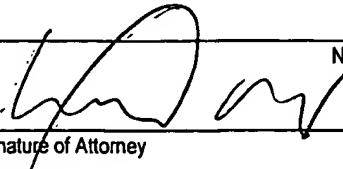
Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2005. The three-month period for responding to the Office Action expires on March 16, 2006.

The following remarks are made for the Examiner's consideration.

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